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**LETTER ACCOMPANYING PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR
1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

The shortened statutory period for responding to the Office Action dated November 4, 2008 in connection with the above-captioned patent application expired on February 4, 2009. Applicants herewith petition for a one month extension of time, extending that date until March 4, 2009.

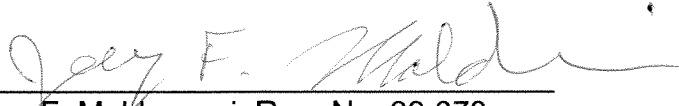
The purpose for requesting a one month extension is because applicants are filing a continuation application on even date herewith. Therefore, the instant application needs to be kept in force at least until the continuation application is filed. If applicants decide to pursue a response to the pending Office Action, that response will

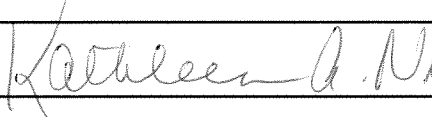
be filed in due course, before the expiration of the statutory period.

Respectfully submitted,

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